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TITLE: Baits Which Contain Amino Acids for Catching Ictalurid Catfish and Fish with Similar Feeding Behavior

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This declaration is for a continuation-in-part application.

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I hereby declare that I am an official empowered to act on behalf of the nonprofit organization identified below:

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I hereby declare that the above identified nonprofit organization qualifies as a nonprofit organization as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(e) for purposes of paying reduced fees under section 41 (a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, with regard to the invention entitled Baits Incorporated with Amino Acid Compositions for Catching Ictalurid Catfish and Fish with Similar Feeding Behavior described in the specification filed herewith.

I hereby declare that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the nonprofit organization with regard to the above-identified invention.

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